

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority (Kings River Coalition) held August 18, 2015. The meeting was held at the offices of the Kings River Conservation District (KRCD) located at 4886 E. Jensen Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725.

CALL TO ORDER

President Mark McKean called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m.

DIRECTORS / ALTERNATES PRESENT (20 of 27 Members Present)

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OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Athorp, KRCD	Brian Trevarrow, KRCD
Casey Creamer, Coordinator	Randy Shilling, Treasurer
Rick Hoelzel, KRCD	Bill Stretch, Fresno Irrigation District
Donna Pepper, KRCD	Ron Allvin, Clark's Fork Rec District #2069
Cristel Tufenkjian, KRCD	JJ Westra, Tulare Lake Basin Water District

ADDITION TO OR DELETION FROM THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: None

REPORTS

Policy Updates: Casey Creamer, Coalition Coordinator, updated the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board), Region 5 on the vacant seat left by Jenny Lester Moffitt. Mr. Creamer reported a letter from the Southern San Joaquin Valley Water Quality Coalition, on behalf of the Kings Coalition, will be sent in support of James L. Sullins, for appointment to the Regional Board. President McKean stated that a joint letter from KRWA and KRCD will be sent in support and any agency who wishes may also send a letter of support.

Mr. Creamer reported the FY 2015-16 Water Quality Fee schedule will be proposed at the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) meeting on September 16, 2015. The item will be posted for public comment approximately 7-10 days prior to the meeting with instructions on how to submit comments.

Mr. Creamer also reported on the Nitrogen Management Plan Technical Advisory Work Group (NMP TAWG), which is responsible for developing a recommended NMP Summary Report. Currently, Nitrogen Removed is a requirement, but sufficient data is not available for reporting this information. The Coalition is proposing an alternative approach to Nitrogen Removed and does not require the reporting of members' yield.

Mr. Creamer also reported on the August 13th CV-SALTS Policy meeting. Current discussions at the Policy meetings are getting into far more detail than what is needed for the required basin wide Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP). The detail that is a subject of current debate are more appropriate for eventual voluntary management zone waste discharge requirements. It is important that we stay engaged to ensure that the right amount of detail is placed in the proper documents.

Mr. Creamer presented an update the Southern San Joaquin Valley Management Practices Evaluation Program (MPEP) Committee, reporting that Dr. John Dickey of PlanTierra and Team have been unanimously hired to provide technical consultant service to implement the MPEP requirements.

Outreach: Cristel Tufenkjian grower workshops are being schedule for October –February educating growers on the Farm Evaluation form and Nitrogen Management Plan. Ms. Tufenkjian also reported updates to the Coalition website and a newsletter will be included in membership invoices which will be sent at the end of August.

Implementation Updates: Richard Hoelzel, Manager, presented a update on progress on the Pilot Isotope Study being conducted by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) within the Alta Irrigation District (AID). Sampling is complete and results from LLNL are anticipated in September or October.

ACTION ITEMS

Minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting

It was moved by Director Cehrs, and seconded by Director Zonneveld, and unanimously approved, the meeting Minutes from the June 16, 2015 meeting of the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority as presented.

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Financial Report

Randy Shilling, Assistant Treasurer, presented an expense to budget comparison report for the period ending June 30, 2015 for FY 2014-15, and the period ending July 31, 2015 for FY 2015-16.

It was moved by Director Cehrs, and seconded by Director Desatoff, and unanimously approved, the expense to budget comparison report for the period ending June 30, 2015 for FY 2014-15, and the period ending July 31, 2015 for FY 2015-16 as presented.

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Groundwater Assessment Report (GAR)

Mr. Creamer provided an update on the July 31st Regional Board hearing where an informational item on the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program was scheduled. One of the items that staff updated the board members on was the status of the Coalition GAR's. Staff was looking for Board members' concurrence with staff's anticipated comments on each of the GAR's.

Mr. Creamer reported that he testified and expressed concern on how the GAR information was presented to the Board. Mr. Creamer also shared with the Regional Board the collective frustration from the Coalition's Board and membership with the GAR process.

No concurrence was given, but it is expected that staff will officially respond to the outstanding GAR's in the near future.

After some discussion, the Board did not take any action relating to the GAR.

Appointment of Vice President

President McKean reported that with the departure of David Orth the Vice President seat is open and requested nominations to fill the seat.

It was moved by Director Zonneveld, and seconded by Director Serrato, and unanimously approved, that Director Larry Cruff be appointed Vice President to the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority Board.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President McKean adjourned the meeting at 12:06 P.M.

Attest : _____
Vice President

Approved: _____
President